

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1241 - SB 1296

March 7, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits local governments from preventing the sale of certain fireworks, labeled as “novelties” and “sparkling devices.” Defines “novelties” as those items that do not require approval from the United States Department of Transportation and are not regulated as explosives: party poppers; snappers; deregulated toy smoke devices; snakes; and glow worms. Defines “sparkling devices” as any ground-based or hand-held device that emits showers of sparks and sometimes whistling or crackling effect when burning, do not detonate or explode, cannot propel themselves through the air and contain not more than 75 grams of pyrotechnic compound if multiple tubes are used, and not more than 500 grams of pyrotechnic compound if multiple tubes are used and separated from each other on a base by a distance of a distance of at least one-half inch, and include, without limitation, cylindrical fountains; cone fountains; illuminating torches; wheels; ground spinners; flitter sparklers; toy smoke devices; and wire sparklers containing not more than 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition per item.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, “sparkling devices” and “novelties” are not defined in statute.
- It is estimated that any impact to state or local sales tax revenue from the sale of fireworks will not be significant.
- According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, this bill will have no effect on the Department or the Fire Prevention Division

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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